

# 2008 Election Cycle

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I bring knowledge, experience, commitment and ideas to the BOE. Elected in 1996, 2002, and 2004 to the BOE, I chaired the Special Programs Committee where I was instrumental in supporting improvements in Special Education, the Gifted and Talented Program, Hawaiian Studies, and the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. I've chaired the BOE Budget and Fiscal Accountability Committee and authored 2 major new policies: 1) mandating all DOE programs to be fully evaluated every 5 years for effectiveness and fiscal soundness, and 2) requiring the DOE to provide public presentations on department spending and to solicit public input for future budgeting.

I have a diverse background from the business, government and community sectors, including: former executive director of a multi-million dollar non-profit that served adults with disabilities; former researcher in Office of the Lt. Governor (Cayetano), former Chief Budget Analyst to the Senate Judiciary Committee and former Chief of Staff to Senate Higher Education Chair Clayton Hee; sibling of a person with mental retardation (deceased).

I will continue to support the following: early childhood education; smaller class size; alternative learning centers; A-Plus Program; safer schools; better pay and working (and learning) conditions in schools; students needing special education and gifted and talented education; and preserving the Hawaiian culture through language immersion and study.

As a public school graduate (Roosevelt High School) I take extreme pride in our schools and strive to make them better for today and the future.